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FROM JOSEPH EDER, DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO

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SUBJ: GAO REVIEW OF SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1. PER PRIOR AID-WASHINGTON NOTIFICATION, GAO IS CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF THE SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. OUR OBJECTIVES INCLUDE DETERMINING (1) THE ADEQUACY OF THE CLUB DES AMIS DU SAHEL AS A MECHANISM FOR COORDINATING OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION, (2) THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS MADE TO THE PROGRAM AND THE SAHELIAN COUNTRIES ABILITY TO ABSORB THE LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE, (3) AID PLANNING FOR MANAGING AND IMPLEMENTING U.S. DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, AND (4) THE EXTENT OF OTHER DONORS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. OUR REVIEW IS BEING CONDUCTED IN WASHINGTON, PARIS, DAKAR, BAMAKO, AND OUAGADOUGOU, AND WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS WITH RESPONSIBLE U.S. AND HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS.

2. TO EXPEDITE OUR REVIEW, WE REQUEST YOU PROVIDE THE GAO TEAM WITH THE SERVICES OF AN INTERPRETER/ TRANSLATOR DURING OUR INCOUNTRY VISIT.

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3. THE INCOUNTRY REVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE GAO EUROPEAN BRANCH AUDIT TEAM OF EDWARD J. MCLAUGHLIN (-AUDITOR-IN-CHARGE), RICHARD L. HEMBRA AND G. LOWELL MARTIN. THE TEAM WILL BE ASSISTED BY MARIE-DENISE SANSARICQ OF OUR WASHINGTON OFFICE. IN ADDITION, SUPERVISORY VISITS MAY BE MADE BY JOSEPH E. KELLEY (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR) AND OR EDWARD H. CRAMER (AUDIT

MANAGER) FROM OUR EUROPEAN BRANCH.

4. OUR PLANNED ARRIVAL IN OUAGADOUGOU FOR THE SUBJECT REVIEW IS SEPT 19 ON UT FLT 868 ARRIVING 0950 HOURS. REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR 4 SINGLE ROOMS (SHOWER OR BATH) FROM SEPT 19 THROUGH SEPT 26. ALSO REQUEST THAT GAO TEAM MEMBERS BE MET AT THE AIRPORT TO EXPEDITE AIRPORT PROCESSING.

5. GAO AUDITORS EDWARD J. MCLAUGHLIN AND MARIE-DENISE SANSARICQ WILL BE MAKING A BRIEF VISIT ON AUGUST 30 TO MEET WITH CILSS REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT REVIEW, PRELIMINARY TO TALKING WITH PERTINENT HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN RELATED COUNTRIES. THEIR PLANNED ARRIVAL IS AUGUST 30 ON RK FLT 300 ARRIVING 1155 HRS. REQUEST 2 SINGLE ROOMS FROM AUG 30 THROUGH SEPT 2.

6. THE DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO, HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT THE FOLLOWING USGAO STAF MEMBERS HAVE BEEN GRANTED TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES ON THE BASIS OF FULL FIELD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION UNDER PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT BE BE HONORED UNLESS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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